

# FW: Nov 8th Agenda Item - Extension of Moratorium on Land Application of Sewage Sludge

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For your review.  
This is a District 1 constituent.  
Thank you.

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I am writing to urge your support of the staff recommendation to extend the expiration date for the current interim Moratorium on the Land Application of Biosolids Ordinance from March 31, 2018 to March 31, 2021. The current ordinance is serving its intended purpose of protecting the county from the spreading large volumes of contaminated sewage sludge on our rural lands.

I would also encourage you to direct staff to use this time period to convene a task force to analyze the many sustainable alternatives that have been developed in recent years for using the waste generated by sewage treatment plants. A number of innovative approaches have been developed for using sludge to generate energy (e.g. methane, ethanol, fuel oil, and hydrogen) as well as construction materials. These options should be fully explored over the coming years so we are ready to pursue the one which offers the fewest risks and the greatest economic, health and ecological advantages.

It has become increasingly apparent that our historic approaches to waste management are seriously flawed. There is no such thing as waste in natural systems. We need to redesign our man-made systems to emulate

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natural cycles, whereby the waste from one process becomes a resource for another. We should view this as an exciting opportunity to transform biosolids into something useful and beneficial for our health, economy and environment.

Thank you.

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Holly Sletteland